



City of Seattle

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To: Seattle Amateur Radio Operators

The Seattle Police and Parks and Recreation Departments believe amateur radio operators are very valuable resources and are essential to our emergency preparedness plan for protecting the citizens of Seattle.

We invite all amateur radio operators living within the City of Seattle to learn about and become a part of the Seattle Auxiliary Communications Services (ACS).

The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) is a team of unpaid communication professionals dedicated to assisting the City of Seattle with public safety and emergency communications in times of disaster and/or community need. ACS is organized and operates under the authority of the Seattle Police Department's Division of Emergency Management and in times of disaster, operations will be in accord with the provisions of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) as provided for by the FCC and HLS/FEMA.

In times of emergency and when activated by the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), ACS members may be assigned to carry out one or more of the following roles:

- Staff communications posts in their neighborhood located at Community Center facilities operated by the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. These centers situated throughout the city serve as the coordination hubs for the City's community disaster response program known as the Seattle Disaster Aid & Response Teams or SDART.
- Staff communications posts at the Seattle EOC or other government agency command centers located throughout the city.
- Report as directed, to various posts such as schools, shelters and hospitals; or to field teams involved in the City's emergency response and disaster recovery efforts. The primary purpose will be to provide communications and other support services.

To learn more about the ACS, please visit the ACS web page: www.seattle.gov/eoc/acs/ or you may contact Mark Sheppard, ACS Program Manager at 206-684-5027, e-mail: mark.sheppard@seattle.gov for additional information.

Thank you for considering our invitation; we look forward to working together to keep our community safe and well prepared.

Sincerely,

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